

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 37 are amended, claims 7-10, 17-20, 27-30, 32, and 35-36 are canceled, and new claims 39-48 are added herein. With entry of this amendment, claims 1-6, 11-16, 21-26, 31, 33-34, and 37-48 will be pending.

Claims 1, 11, 21, and 31 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 35 and claim 36, which was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly claims 1, 11, 21, and 31, and the claims depending therefrom, are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

Claim 37, which was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 35. Accordingly, claim 37 is believed to be in proper form for allowance.

New claims 39 and 44 are apparatus claims corresponding generally to method claim 37. New claims 40-43 and 45-48 depend from claims 39 and 44, respectively. Accordingly, claims 39 and 44, and the claims depending therefrom, are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 399-5608.

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